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For: ACID-SENSITIVE COMPOUNDS,  
THEIR PREPARATION AND USES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Before examining this application on the merits, please amend it as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 1, please insert the following new paragraph:

--This application claims benefit of priority of U.S. provisional application 60/239,116, filed October 11, 2000, which is incorporated by reference herein. --

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-16 and 30-38 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

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